

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Final Official Action mailed July 22, 2003, (Paper No. 6). Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks are courteously requested.

Drawings

Submission of Corrected Formal Drawings are provided with this response in compliance with the requirement for corrected drawings in section 11 in the Office Action Summary for the final Office Action.

Priority

It is noted with appreciation that the foreign priority claim and all of its certified copies are received and acknowledged.

Claims

Claims 1 and 3 to 10 were pending at the time of the final office action. Claims 3 to 6, 9 and 10 are allowed. Withdrawn claims 7 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice. Rejected claim 1 is cancelled. Thus, all remaining claims are allowed.

Conclusion

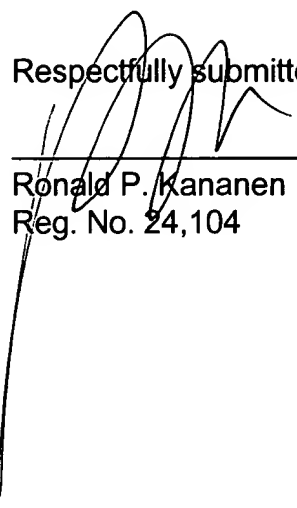
An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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